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Applicant: Masahito TANAKA et al. Conf.: 2395  
Appl. No.: 09/147,894 Group: 3761  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated July 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**This Amendment includes:**

**Amendments to the Claims;**

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Drawings; Remarks; and**

**an Appendix including eight (8) Replacement Sheets of Drawings.**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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INDEPENDENT	3	-	3	=	0	\$ 86	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$290	\$ 0.00
						TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$110.00 for the extension of time.

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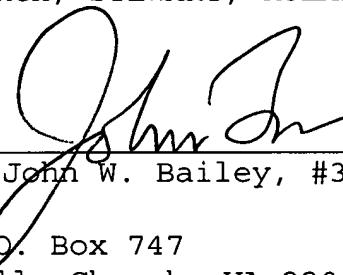
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Respectfully submitted,

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